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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE DESCRIPTION

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 48 at line 1 as follows:

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Assume, for example, that three standard objects A, B and C are present, a sequential execution relation does not exist between the object A and the object B (that is, a parallel execution relation exists between the object A and the object B), and a sequential execution relation exists between the object A and the object C. In this case, a composite object cannot be constituted by combining the object A and the object B. On the other hand, a composite object eannot-can be constituted by combining the object A and the object C.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 51 at line 3 as follows:

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Then, in step S2, whether the initializing procedure is completed or not is determined for all of the component objects making up the composite object. If there is a eomposite component object for which the initializing procedure is not yet completed, the processing goes to step S3. If the initializing procedure is completed for all of the component objects, the processing goes to step S7.